(ii) Lok-Sangeet/Nritya (folk music);

(iii) Paryavaran/Kalacriti (Environment);

(iv) Mahilaon Ke Liye (Women's programme);

(v) Yuva Jagat (Youth Programme);

(vi) Kheti Bari (covers agriculture);

(vii) Samachar Darshan (covers news and current affairs) and

(viii) Sanskriti Karyakaram (covers literature and cultural programmes).

Discrimination in payment in AIR

1552. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that those who give Urdu talk at All India Radio are paid less than those in English;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would remove this discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) All India Radio has intimated that there is no discrimination in making payments to talkers in the same categories of programmes, on the basis of language. The approved fee structure has however, different rates for national and local level programmes.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.